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CANCER



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## Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges

### CHALLENGES

- **2.7 million people** in the EU are **diagnosed** each year (this number will increase);
- **1.3 million people die** from cancer each year (this number will increase);
- **Total cost of cancer** in Europe in 2018, estimated at **€199 billion**.

### OPPORTUNITIES

- **Improve cancer control;**
- **Put citizens and patients at the centre** of research and innovation;
- **Give research and innovation a central role in new policies** by supporting Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

### GOAL

**Improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030**  
through better prevention, cure and quality of life

### ACTIONS



The Horizon Europe programme will provide **€378.2 million** in seed funding during the period 2021-23 to support the implementation of the mission;



Implement a **strategic research and innovation agenda** to better understand and treat cancer;



**Improve the quality of life** of patients and their families;



Establish high level **collaboration within the cancer community**, support a **network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures**, set up the **EU platform Understanding CANcer.eu** (UNCAN.eu) and create the **European Cancer Patient Digital Centre**.

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